



# Milken Family Foundation National Educator Awards

## Fact Sheet

### The Awards

The largest teacher recognition program in the U.S., the Milken National Educator Awards, most commonly known as the Milken Educator Awards, provide public recognition and an unrestricted financial award of \$25,000 to elementary and secondary school teachers, principals and specialists who are furthering excellence in education. Each Milken Educator also receives an all-expenses-paid trip to Los Angeles, California, to participate in the annual Milken National Education Conference held each spring.

### Key statistics including 2008 recipients

- Established by the Milken Family Foundation
- Up to 80 new Milken Educators from across the U.S.
- First awards presented in 1987
- More than 2,300 Milken Educator Award recipients since inception
- Over \$60 million in awards since inception
- Awards alternate yearly between elementary and secondary educators

### 22nd annual national notifications

During the annual National Notifications tour across the country, which begins in October, up to 80 exceptional teachers, principals and specialists will be surprised by the news of their \$25,000 Awards, which can be used in any way they wish. Each is recommended without their knowledge by a blue ribbon panel appointed by each participating state's department of education. Each year, newly selected recipients are taken completely by surprise at schoolwide assemblies. With an entourage of distinguished officials and media, a Foundation representative or the state chief of education typically notifies the recipient, often accompanied by the governor and other state and federal leaders.

### Milken Educator Network

The Milken Educator Network is a voluntary association of more than 2,300 Milken Educators and other exemplary educators and business leaders from across the country, whose expertise serves as a valuable resource to fellow educators, legislators, school boards and others shaping the future of education.

### Milken Family Foundation

The Milken Family Foundation was established in 1982 to discover and advance inventive and effective ways of helping people help themselves and those around them lead productive and satisfying lives. The Santa Monica, California-based foundation advances this mission primarily through its work in education and medical research.

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